

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Suffolk, ss.

Supreme Judicial Court

MASSACHUSETTS ACCESS TO JUSTICE COMMISSION

The Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court hereby establish the Massachusetts Access to Justice Commission (Commission). The Commission is created to perform the functions stated in the attached Proposal dated September 9, 2004, developed by the Massachusetts State Planning Board for Civil Legal Services. The Justices shall appoint members of the Commission as designations are made by the relevant entities specified in the proposal.

The names of the sixteen initial members of the Commission shall be given to the Justices for appointment by April 15, 2005. The initial members (or such of them as have been appointed) shall meet on or after May 2, 2005, on due notice, to select the five additional Commission members. A quorum of the initial members shall be ten. The executive committee of the State Planning Board shall arrange for the meeting of the initial members and thereafter for the first meeting of the full Commission. Terms of members shall commence on the date of the first meeting of the full Commission. For members of the Commission whose terms are to be determined by lot, unless the members so affected agree on their respective terms, the executive committee of the State Planning Board shall select the terms by lot and shall advise the Justices of the results.

After five years, the Justices, in consultation with members of the Commission, shall assess whether the Commission continues to be a helpful way to address these issues.

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